

## ROOSEVELT CROSSED HUGHES IS GOSSIP AMONG NEW YORK POLITICIANS

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New York, Oct. 12.—Political news here is of two kinds—the bunk that is given to the newspapers for effect on the public and what men actually think. A few weeks ago both sides were up in the air. They knew nothing, but pretended to know much. And both were scared. Now, however, the Wilson supporters have perked up and Hughes partisans are down in the mouth. Some of the disappointment as to Hughes is bitter. He has failed to ring the bell. One inside story is that Hughes thinks Roosevelt double-crossed him, while Roosevelt feels that Hughes is the double-crosser. The story runs that Roosevelt was led to believe Hughes would advocate T. R.'s policies on vigorous Americanism and jump on the hyphenates, and is sore because the judge hasn't come through.

On the other hand, before making his first speech in Maine, T. R. submitted it to Hughes and the G. O. P. national committee and both O. K'd it. Hughes even wrote a telegram approving the T. R. speech, to be sent right after it was delivered. Then T. R. went to Maine and didn't deliver the speech he showed Hughes, but cut loose with something different. The Hughes telegram went through according to schedule, although the speech it approved wasn't delivered. So Hughes is sore and thinks he was double-crossed.

Another body blow to the Hughes clan was the interview Pres. Lovett of the Union Pacific gave a New York paper, coming out strong for Wilson. He damned the Adamson 8-hour bill as a mistake, but said Wilson ought to be re-elected on the rest of his record anyhow.

The editor of one of the strongest Republican papers in Ohio said to me confidentially that while he looked for the re-election of Gov.

Willis, he thought Wilson would easily carry Ohio. Other Republicans who won't talk for publication tell me privately they can't see where Hughes has a chance.

The party committee managers are at sea and don't know just how to work. Reports come to them that the people are not flocking to either the Republican or Democratic meeting, but seem to have their minds made up and their mouths closed. It seems like a nonpartisan election, with a chance for split tickets in strongly Republican northern states. Wilson is figured very much stronger than his party.

Advices here are that there will be a divided German-American vote in Ohio, many Germans going to Wilson on patriotic grounds and because of the belief that some of the loudest talking hyphenates are playing politics with the German vote and misrepresenting these Americans of German birth or ancestry who love their native land all right, but don't hate the land of their adoption.

Shrewd bettors who bet to win and not on sentiment have been feeling for the drift, and of late the drift toward Wilson has been pronounced. The peace issue is stronger than the war issue. The working class appears to be more solid than ever before in a presidential election and Hughes is getting nowhere in attempting to make the workers believe that an 8-hour day isn't an 8-hour day.

Business itself isn't scared. Some timid ones fear competition after the war and want a high protective tariff. But others feel that with a good tariff commission the tariff will be scientific in the future, rather than a political issue. Even as to the 8-hour day, some business men look at it philosophically and say it is sure to come anyhow and might as well come along now as later. Henry